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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted and appreciated.

Inasmuch as the claims in this application have been divided between those sets of claims which are subject to a double patenting rejection and those which are not, those claims which have not been rejected for double patenting have been canceled without prejudice. The remaining claims which are subject to the double patenting rejection remain in the application.

Accordingly, claims 27 to 40 and 44 to 50 now remain in the application and as to these claims, applicant files the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection.

It is believed that in view of this response, all claims in the application are allowable and such action at an early date is requested.

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